

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SONOMA**

In Re:

Amended Order of the Presiding Judge

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Clerk of the Superior Court of California
County of Sonoma
By RTB Deputy Clerk

On March 16, 2020, and in consideration of the public health crisis currently affecting our state, local, national, and international communities, the Sonoma County Superior Court issued an order limiting access to the Hall of Justice, Civil and Family Courthouse, the Juvenile Justice Center and the Empire Annex. Said order is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

On March 16, 2020, this Court issued an emergency implementing order under the authority of the March 16, 2020 Order (“Order”) of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California, issued in response to the March 16, 2020 request for an emergency order made by the Superior Court of Sonoma County.

On March 17, 2020, the County of Sonoma Public Health Officer issued an order directing all individuals living in Sonoma County to shelter at their place of residence except that they may leave to provide or receive certain essential services or engage in certain essential activities and work for essential businesses and governmental services to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

On March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued an order directing all Californians to shelter in place at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors to protect public health and ensure the healthcare delivery system is capable of serving all and prioritizing those at the highest risk and vulnerability.

On March 23, 2020, Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California, issued a statewide order addressing additional issues raised by the ongoing pandemic.

Essential functions of the Superior Court at this time are limited to proceedings that are required to comply with defendants’ constitutional rights, protect the health and safety of parties and address jail population concerns.

Protection of public health and safety in connection with the COVID-19 threat has resulted or is expected to result in significant interference with Superior Court services and proceedings.

Accordingly, and for the foregoing reasons, this court **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The General Order, issued by this Court on March 16, 2020, and attached hereto as Exhibit A is amended, retroactively, as follows:

Preamble:

- Delete: “The Court currently plans to resume regular court operations on Monday, April 6, 2020.”
- Replace with : “The Court currently plans to resume regular court operations on Wednesday, April 8, 2020, subject to change if the Sonoma County Health Officer’s Orders are extended.”

Criminal Matters in the Hall of Justice:

Paragraphs A.1 & 2

- Delete: “...between March 16, 2020 to and including April 3, 2020....”
- Replace with: “...between March 16, 2020 to and including April 7, 2020....”

Paragraph B.1

- Delete: “...between March 16, 2020 and March 31, 2020...”
- Replace with: “...between March 16, 2020 and May 22, 2020...”

Paragraph B.2

- Delete: “...between March 16, 2020 and March 31, 2020...”
- Replace with: “...between March 16, 2020 and May 22, 2020...”
- Delete: “...on or after April 7, 2020 or a later time the parties agree upon.”
- Replace with: “on or after April 8, 2020 or a later time the parties agree upon.”

Paragraph B.3 & 4

- Delete: “...March 16, 2020, and March 31, 2020, inclusive...”
- Replace with: “...March 16, 2020, and April 7, 2020, inclusive....”

Paragraph C.1

- Delete: "...March 16, 2020, and March 31, 2020, inclusive..."
- Replace with : "...March 16, 2020, and April 7, 2020, inclusive..."

Paragraph C.2

- Delete: "All other criminal matters with appearances set between March 1, 2020 to and including March 31, 2020, 30 days after the scheduled appearance on a day-to-day rolling basis."
- Replace with: "All other criminal matters with appearances set between March 16, 2020 to and including April 7, 2020, will be rescheduled by further order of the Court."

Civil and Probate Matters

Paragraph 1

- Delete: "...between March 16, 2020 and March 31, 2020."
- Replace with: "...between March 16, 2020 and April 7, 2020, inclusive,..."

Family Law Matters

Paragraph A

- Delete: "...between March 16, 2020 and March 31, 2020."
- Replace with: "...between March 16, 2020 and April 7, 2020, inclusive,..."

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 24, 2020

Bradford DeMeo
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court



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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

MAR 16 2020

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SONOMA

Clerk of Superior Court of California,
County of Sonoma
By [Signature]
Deputy Clerk

**GENERAL ORDER RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF
AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68115 BY CHAIR
OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

Exercising the authority granted under Government Code section 68115 and the March 16, 2020 Order ("Order") of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California, issued in response to the March 16, 2020 request for an emergency order made by the Superior Court of Sonoma County ("Court"), and for good cause showing, this Court
HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

- That from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020, inclusive, be deemed holidays for purposes of computing time under Penal Code section 825 and Welfare and Institutions Code sections 313, 315, 334, 631, 632, 637, and 657 (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(5));
- To extend the time periods provided in sections 583.310 and 583.320 of the Code of Civil Procedure to bring an action to trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire on from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(6));
- To extend by not more than five days the duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020, inclusive, because the emergency condition described herein prevented the court from conducting proceedings to determine whether a permanent order should be entered (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(7));
- To extend the time period provided in section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary examination from 10 court days to not more than 15 court days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire on from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(9));

- 1 • To extend the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for
2 the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only
3 to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire on from
4 March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020, inclusive] (Gov. Code,
5 § 68115(a)(10));
- 6 • To extend the time period provided in section 313 of the Welfare and
7 Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending
8 dependency proceedings must be released from custody to not more
9 than seven days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory
10 deadline otherwise would expire on from March 16, 2020, to March 31,
11 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));
- 12 • To extend the time period provided in section 315 of the Welfare and
13 Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending
14 dependency proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more
15 than seven days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory
16 deadline otherwise would expire on from March 16, 2020, to March 31,
17 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));
- 18 • To extend the time periods provided in sections 632 and 637 of the Welfare
19 and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending
20 wardship proceedings and charged with a felony offense must be given
21 a detention hearing or rehearing to not more than seven days, applicable
22 only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire
23 from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code,
24 § 68115(a)(11));
- 25 • To extend the time period provided in section 334 of the Welfare and
26 Institutions Code within which a hearing on a juvenile dependency
27 petition must be held by not more than seven days, applicable only to
28 minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire on from

1 March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code,
2 § 68115(a)(12));

- 3 • To extend the time period provided in section 657 of the Welfare and
4 Institutions Code within which a hearing on a wardship petition for a
5 minor charged with a felony offense must be held by not more than
6 seven days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline
7 otherwise would expire on from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020,
8 inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)); and
- 9 • That from March 16, 2020, to March 26, 2020,¹ inclusive, be
10 deemed holidays for purposes of computing the time for filing papers
11 with the court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a (Gov.
12 Code, § 68115(a)(4));

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14 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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16 Dated: March 16, 2020



17 Bradford Demeo, Presiding Judge

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¹ The Court is petitioning for an order to extend this to include March 27, 2020 through March 31, 2020.

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the proclamations of a state of emergency by Governor Newsom and President Donald Trump, it has been determined that the conditions described in section 68115 of the Government Code are met with regard to the Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma. Upon the request of Presiding Judge DeMeo, it is ordered that the Superior Court of Sonoma County is authorized to do the following:

- Hold sessions anywhere in the county, including in correctional and juvenile detention facilities, from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(1));
- Declare that from March 16, 2020, to March 26, 2020, inclusive, be deemed holidays for purposes of computing the time for filing papers with the court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(4));
- Declare that from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020, inclusive, be deemed holidays for purposes of computing time under Penal Code section 825 and Welfare and Institutions Code sections 313, 315, 334, 631, 632, 637, and 657 (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(5));
- Extend the time periods provided in sections 583.310 and 583.320 of the Code of Civil Procedure to bring an action to trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire on from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020, inclusive] (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(6));
- Extend by not more than five days the duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020, inclusive, because the emergency condition described herein prevented the court from conducting proceedings to determine whether a permanent order should be entered (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(7));
- Extend the time period provided in section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary examination from 10 court days to not more than 15 court days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory

deadline otherwise would expire on from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(9));

- Extend the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire on from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020, inclusive] (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10));
- Extend the time period provided in section 313 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be released from custody to not more than seven days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire on from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));
- Extend the time period provided in section 315 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending dependency proceedings must be given a detention hearing to not more than seven days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire on from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));
- Extend the time periods provided in sections 632 and 637 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a minor taken into custody pending wardship proceedings and charged with a felony offense must be given a detention hearing or rehearing to not more than seven days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(11));
- Extend the time period provided in section 334 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a juvenile dependency petition must be held by not more than seven days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline otherwise would expire on from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)); and
- Extend the time period provided in section 657 of the Welfare and Institutions Code within which a hearing on a wardship petition for a minor charged with a felony offense must be held by not more than seven days, applicable only to minors for whom the statutory deadline

otherwise would expire on from March 16, 2020, to March 31, 2020,
inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(12)).

Date: March 16, 2020

T. Cantil-Sakauye

Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye
Chief Justice of California and
Chair of the Judicial Council